

## THE NEWS OF THE WEEK.

A St. Paul, Minn., dispatch, dated August 23, says: It has been agreed between the office of the United States attorney general and the counsel for the Northern Securities companies that the taking of testimony in the suit against the merger shall be begun at the offices of the district attorney in New York city, September 15. It is said that Solicitor General Richards will conduct the case for the government and C. W. Bunn, M. D. Grover and George B. Young of St. Paul will be associated with the New York counsel for the securities company.

Foreign monarchs and rulers who have been present at King Edward's coronation departed from London recently. Some of the noted visitors were King Lewanika of Barotseland in South Africa, Ras Makonnen, the Abyssinian general, the shah of Persia, and the maharajah of Jaipur, an Indian official.

It is reported from London that the year's recruiting returns show the greatest decline of any year in the past five, and it seems almost certain that conscription may be enforced.

Notices of expulsion which had been served by the police upon twenty-five Mormon missionaries in Germany have been held up through the representations of the United States embassy, and it is thought that this action will cause the cessation of all interference with Mormon activity in Germany.

A Washington dispatch of August 23 says: In pursuance of the navy department's orders of yesterday, two of the American war vessels in Venezuela waters started north today. The cruiser Topeka left Puerto Cabello for Hampton Roads, and the Cincinnati from La Guaira for Cape Haytien. In view of the generally disturbed condition of affairs in Central and South America, the Cincinnati will remain for some days at Cape Haytien to be ready for possible demands for her immediate presence. The return of the Cincinnati and the Topeka leaves only the Marietta to keep watch on affairs in Venezuela and the Isthmus.

The mimic naval search battle on the New England coast was terminated on August 24 by the surrender of Commander Pillsbury's ships which took the part of an attacking squadron to Admiral Higginson's vessels who took the part of the defending squadron.

The 600 employes of the Ashland sheet mill at Huntington, W. Va., who have been on strike for seven months, resumed work on August 24. Concessions have been made by both sides.

At a meeting of the Central federation union representing 250,000 workmen, and held at New York city on August 24, it was decided to ask President Roosevelt to call a special session of congress to end the coal strike.

News comes that the Colombian gunboat Boyaca has been captured by the insurgents. She had on board nearly 3,000 soldiers who were to reinforce General Berti at Agua Dulce, also a supply of ammunition and a considerable sum of money. The Boyaca is now guarding the entrance to the Panama harbor, presumably with the intention of preventing steamers or other vessels from bringing government reinforcements to Panama.

A Constantinople cablegram, dated August 24, says that an imperial order has been issued commanding that all the demands made by the United States on Turkey be conceded, and the

relations between the porte and the United States legation here have assumed their normal condition. The non-execution of the Turkish government of agreements reached long ago on several questions affecting American citizens led to somewhat strained relations between the United States legation and the porte. Last week Mr. Leischman informed the porte that he would not discuss other matters until the terms of other matters already decided were carried out. The demands made by the United States demanded the rebuilding of the United States mission house at Kharput, destroyed at the time of the Armenian massacre there, and granting permission to Armenian women and children to join their husbands and fathers who are naturalized Americans. Mr. Leischman also had difficulty in negotiating with a responsible Turkish authority. His intercourse has been with the minister of foreign affairs, whose agreements have been annulled by the grand vizier.

An official report of the trial trip of the first class battleship Maine was received at the navy department on August 23, and announces that the trial was successful, a mean speed of 17.96 knots being attained.

A London cablegram dated August 24 says: "Violent earthquakes were felt last Friday," cables the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail, at Andishan and Pavlovsk, near St. Petersburg.

Two bad wrecks are reported under date of August 24. The one occurred at Norfolk, Va., where two motor cars collided, causing the death of three persons and the injury of many passengers. The other was at New Albany, Ind., where two freight trains collided and three men were instantly killed.

A cablegram from Berlin, dated August 24, says: Archduchess Margaret Sophie of Austria, wife of Albert, duke of Wurtemberg, died today at Gunden, Austria, as the result of an operation for appendicitis. She was born in 1870.

Dr. W. B. Phillips, director of the Texas geological survey, has discovered a number of veins of quicksilver in the mountains of Brewster county, Tex., of great richness. These new veins are situated about 100 miles east of the existing quicksilver field in Brewster county.

A Manila cablegram reports the arrival of Governor Taft and that he has again assumed the governorship of the archipelago. He has also been called as a witness in the Freedom sedition case, and this case has now, according to another cablegram, dated August 25, been decided and Frederick Dorr, proprietor, and Edward O'Brien, editor of Freedom, have each been sentenced to six months in Bilibid prison and fined \$1,000 each for libeling Benito Legara, a native member of the civil commission, by publishing a certain article in Freedom. Both Dorr and O'Brien have also been convicted of sedition, but have not yet been sentenced on this count. The cases have been appealed to the supreme courts of the island.

General Botha is reported by a Vienna paper as saying: "It is probable that England has no need to fear further trouble from the Boers, but the civilization of South Africa is threatened by the Kaffirs. England armed these savage, brave, but untrustworthy tribes to fight for her. Now that the war is ended the Kaffirs have not returned their arms, but have retreated

with them to inaccessible places in the mountains, where they are reported to be engaged in daily preparation for war. Unless the English authorities display the greatest energy the Kaffirs are likely to cause great trouble."

The secretary of agriculture for the Cuban republic, Emilio Terry, has presented his resignation to the government. His successor has not yet been appointed.

A London cablegram of August 26 says that the board of trade has sent the chief inspector to the United States to prepare a report on the workings of American railways, with the view of adopting American railway methods in Great Britain.

A report from Brussels, Belgium, says that as a result of the conferences between Former President Kruger and the Boer generals, De Wet, Botha, and Delarey, Mr. Kruger is to resign the leadership of the Boer people, and General Botha has been unanimously designated the future leader of the Boers.

A London report says: The Chinese government, cables the Shanghai correspondent of the Times, has sanctioned the signature of the new commercial tariff, but proposes to delay the date of its coming into force until the Chinese new year. The foreign tariff commissioners are protesting at this delay.

The British transport Staffordshire, sailed for Capetown on August 25 with 1,060 Boers who have been prisoners in the detention camps at Bermuda.

The insular division of the war department has just published its last summary of the commerce of the island of Cuba. This report shows that the total value of imports into Cuba during the military occupation was \$225,437,135 and the exports were \$45,000,000 less than this sum. The United States furnished 43 per cent of the imports and took 75 per cent of the exports. Practically all the sugar came to the United States. The balance of trade was decidedly in favor of Cuba, though not so great as in former years, and it is remarked that the trade of the United States has not kept pace in any of the Latin-American countries with its wonderful strides in other parts of the world.

John C. Bullitt, for many years a prominent lawyer, and the framer of the present Philadelphia city charter, died in that city on August 25. He was 78 years old.

It is reported that a fierce battle has been fought at Limbe, a village eighty-two miles north of Port au Prince in Hayti. The village was attacked and recaptured by the provisional government troops. Many men on both sides were killed and the town was destroyed by fire.

The beef trust inquiry against the St. Joseph packers began on August 26, being conducted by State Attorney General Crow.

The fiftieth annual convention of the National Association of Postmasters met at Milwaukee on August 26, and the feature of the first session was the annual address of President F. B. Dickerson of Detroit, Mich.

A cablegram from Honolulu, under date of August 19, and via San Francisco, says: Owing to the insufficiency of the appropriation for current expenses the first circuit court today ceased jury trials and Judge Gear discharged the jury, leaving the territory with the prospect of six months without a court in session with a jury. There are over a hundred prisoners in jail awaiting trial, and judges have

heretofore refused to hold prisoners indefinitely in jail to await trial.

An Associated press cablegram from St. Petersburg, dated August 12, says: The official report of Russia's foreign trade for the first four months of 1902 shows the American importations to be virtually the same as in 1900, apparently indicating that Russian buyers have become fully convinced it is better to buy American machinery in spite of the discriminating duty against it.

It is reported from Washington that the state department has been notified that Senor Guarnaschelli, who was originally named by the Italian government at the request of the United States to serve as one of the arbitrators in the approaching arbitration of the Pious fund case at The Hague, has declined the post. Dr. Asser, a distinguished Dutch publicist, has been selected to fill the vacancy.

The National Fraternal congress, the central organization of the fraternal insurance orders of this country and Canada, met in annual convention at Denver, Colo., with over 300 accredited delegates in attendance.

General Miles has been ordered to proceed to the Philippines to inspect the army there with reference to instruction, discipline and supplies, and it is reported that he will sail about September 15.

The war department at Washington has received a cablegram from General Chaffee at Manila reporting the occurrence of a serious earthquake on the island of Mindanao. Twenty persons were killed by falling walls, the victims all being Moros. General Chaffee's cablegram says that the mountains and rivers and other streams were considerably disturbed and much damage was done.

Another Manila report, dated August 27, relates that Frederick Dorr, proprietor, and Edward O'Brien, editor of Freedom, recently convicted of sedition, have been fined \$1,000 without imprisonment. A. R. Dorr, manager of the paper, was fined \$25. This is thought to mark the end of this famous case in Manila.

A Washington report says that the Colombian government has purchased a new war vessel at Seattle, Wash., through the Colombian minister, Senor Concha. Captain Marmaduke, who served during the civil war on the confederate Merrimac and the Alabama, will command the new vessel, and will sail for Colombia with her immediately.

A Washington dispatch, dated August 27, says: The state department recently received a communication from the Chinese government, stating in effect that it is proposed to start up the government coinage mint at Tien Tsin, and asking that an assayer of the United States be recommended for employment therein. The matter was referred to Mr. Roberts, the director of the mint, with the result that Leonard McGrunder, assistant assayer and L. G. Emory, superintendent of machinery, both from the New Orleans mint, have been engaged for this service and are expected to sail for China within a short time.

Sheriff Christensen of San Juan county, Utah, on August 27, made a formal appeal to United States Senator Rawlins for the relief of the Navajo Indians of Southern Utah, and the details of the situation have been sent to the Indian commissioner at Washington. The Navajos are in destitute circumstances, and serious results are predicted unless speedy relief is obtained.

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